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To: Director, CRS

Re: SAFE Briefings

1. Wednesday morning, 20 November, seems to be the best time for a detailed SAFE briefing for IHC members. I would like to permit IHC members to invite others in their departments or agencies or Services who have a need for this information, and thereby try to avoid being piece-mealed later with requests for special briefings. Is this OK?

2. At DCI instruction, I prepared and Sam Wilson signed the attached letter to Al Hall, telling him of SAFE, and offering a briefing to him. Hall's principal Deputy on these matters is Mort Goulder; I think you've met him.

Goulder's office phoned me yesterday afternoon requesting an opportunity for Goulder and 2-3 others to come over here next week and be briefed, and also see SAFE in actual operation in a test branch.

In view of Goulder's position, I think we should comply. Goulder's attitude will set the tone for our future contacts throughout DoD, and we had better get him on our side.

Goulder hopes this briefing can be at 1000-1200 on Tuesday, 12 November. His second and less preferred alternative is at 1300-1500 on Thursday, 14 November.

What may I report to Goulder? Pls advise soonest.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Office of the Director

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31 Oct 74

The Honorable Albert C. Hall
Assistant Secretary of Defense
    for Intelligence
Room 3E282, Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Al:

    Work has been going on in the CIA Central Reference Service for the past two years to carry out preliminary studies and tests of a computerized system which has been named Project SAFE (Support for Analysts File Environment). This study has culminated in the attached report.

    The system proposed involves several hundred remote cathode ray tube terminals, through which analysts will be able to receive mail, create and edit files and reports, search for and retrieve information from local and Agency central files, and related tasks. A testing program over the past year has involved daily participation by analyst branches in the DDI and DDS&T directorates. The proposed system, which is modular, has been looked at by several contractors from the standpoint of feasibility and system design, but not for the purpose of making proposals to actually build SAFE. Direct SAFE costs are projected at about $41 million, spread over several years.

    Mr. Colby has just been briefed on the attached report. He has asked that you and Mort Goulder be brought into this picture so that we may consider together the community implications of this work. At present, no DCI decisions have been made, no funding approved, and no contractors selected. We have included some funds for the community to explore SAFE's applicability as part of our report to OMB on the special $10 million proposal.

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A briefing on SAFE can be arranged for you and your staff. Our point of contact is [ ] Acting Chairman, USIB/IHC. Mr. Colby has also directed that this report be sent to the USIB membership through the IHC, and SAFE will be a principal agenda topic at the IHC meeting that is now being scheduled for mid-November.

Sincerely,

/-S/

Samuel V. Wilson
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
  Intelligence Community

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  Project SAFE, Copy No. 82

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, CRS
Room 2E60, CIA Hqs Bldg

Harry:

Attached is notice to IHC of meeting on Wednesday, 20 Nov 74, at which SAFE will be briefed.

I will be in touch with you later this week to ensure that we are in sync and that any special desires on your part are taken into account.

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INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE
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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

IHC-MM-34/74
11 November 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: IHC

SUBJECT   : Project SAFE (Support Analysts File Environment)

1. Enclosed is a copy of a CIA internal report on Project SAFE. This is a proposal for a multi-purpose information handling system in CIA, operating through several hundred on-line terminals distributed among CIA production offices. It contemplates that an analyst will be able, e.g., to receive daily mail on-line; route particular items; build, maintain and search machine files; and through his terminal gain access to major CIA/Central Reference Service data bases. The system is modular. It has been undergoing tests in several CIA production branches for a year or more. Its implementation is proposed over a 5-year period, with major funding to begin in FY-76.

2. The DCI has recently reported to OMB that he has completed a review of the SAFE pilot project. In view of the favorable reception by production analysts and the experience gained in their tests of such a system, he desires to move ahead as rapidly as possible to prepare a detailed system design.

3. The DCI has directed that Project SAFE be brought to the attention of USIB members through the IHC. He has, also, requested OMB to provide special funding that would permit intelligence community organizations to examine the interrelationships of SAFE and their own projects, in the interest of overall community compatibility and effectiveness.

4. An IHC meeting has been scheduled for 1000-1200 hours, Wednesday, 20 November 1974, at the CIA Headquarters Building. You will be advised by phone of the exact room location. The principal business will be to receive a detailed presentation on SAFE by CIA/CRS, followed by discussion.

5. Because of the interest anticipated in this presentation, arrangements are being made to accommodate up to three persons from each organization in addition to the regular IHC representatives. It is requested that the names of those who will be attending be provided to the IHC Support Staff (Code 143, extension [   ] or Area Code [   ] by COB 18 November. This meeting is at the TS/SI/TK level, and clearances for each individual should be passed to CIA Security so that conference badges may be requested for those who will be attending.

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Attachment: Project SAFE, October 1974 (C)

cc: Director, Central Reference Service, CIA
    Executive Secretary, USIB

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Acting Chairman